

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-38 (cancelled)

39. (Allowed) A polymer blend comprising:

(A) from about 5 percent (by weight of the total composition) to about 95 percent (by weight of the total composition) of at least one first ethylene interpolymer having at least one first comonomer; and

(B) from about 95 percent (by weight of the total composition) to about 5 percent (by weight of the total composition) of at least one second ethylene interpolymer having at least one second comonomer;

wherein the difference in the number of carbon atoms in the at least one first comonomer of the first interpolymer and the at least one second comonomer of the second interpolymer is at least two,

wherein at least one of the first interpolymer or the second interpolymer is characterized by a molecular weight distribution of from about 1.8 to about 2.8; and

wherein the polymer blend is characterized as having a density greater than or equal to  $0.90 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .

40. (Allowed) The polymer blend according to Claim 39 wherein the first interpolymer has a density that is less than a density of the second interpolymer,

wherein the polymer blend has an intrinsic tear value within 35% of the intrinsic tear value of a comparative polymer blend comprising two comparative interpolymers wherein each of the two comparative interpolymers have the same higher carbon number comonomer.

41. (Allowed) The polymer blend of Claim 40, wherein the polymer blend has a density from about  $0.90 \text{ g/cc}$  to about  $0.935 \text{ g/cc}$ .

42. (Allowed) The polymer blend of Claim 40, wherein the first density is from about  $0.89 \text{ g/cc}$  to about  $0.935 \text{ g/cc}$  and the second density is from about  $0.93 \text{ g/cc}$  to about  $0.95 \text{ g/cc}$ .

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